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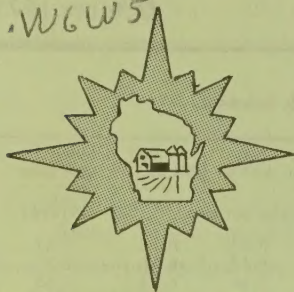
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## Cream of the News

Milk production on Wisconsin farms during September was down 9 percent from a year ago, the eighth consecutive month that output of milk was below last year.

Wholesale prices of dairy products increased sharply during September and were considerably above last year.

Production of red meat in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during August was 8 percent more than a year earlier as both beef and pork output increased.

Milk prices in Wisconsin for September are expected to average over \$7.00 a hundredweight for the first time.

The Nation's butter production during August was 22 percent under the previous year but total cheese production was about the same as August 1972.

Beef cattle and hog prices at the St. Paul market showed substantial declines during September.

Cold storage stocks of meat and dairy products in the Nation at the end of September were down from a year ago.

The prices received index for Wisconsin farm products declined 2 percent from August to September as the main livestock and crop items were down from their record highs a month earlier.

Cattle feeders in Wisconsin had 7 percent more cattle and calves on feed October 1 than last year and the 23 major feeding states were up 3 percent.

Cash receipts from farm marketings in Wisconsin exceeded \$1.8 billion in 1972, up 11 percent from the previous year and another record high.

Beautiful fall weather in the period of October 11-23 allowed rapid progress on corn for grain, soybeans, and other crops as well as fall plowing and outside work.

Weekly estimates of butter and American cheese production in Wisconsin and the Nation for September indicate a continued decline.

## MILK PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO SLIDE

Production of milk on Wisconsin's dairy farms during September totaled 1,361 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year earlier. This was the sharpest drop in monthly milk production so far this year and the eighth consecutive month that output of milk was under a year ago. From January through September, production of milk in Wisconsin was 4 percent below the comparable period last year.

Seasonally, Wisconsin's milk production for September was down 7 percent from August, 1 percent more than the drop for those months in 1972. Output per cow in September averaged 755 pounds, 60 pounds lower than the previous year. Milk cow numbers in September were 30,000 fewer than a year ago.

Pasture feed conditions in Wisconsin improved during September due to good rains in the previously dry south and east. The reported pasture condition for October 1 was 81 percent of normal compared with 71 percent a month earlier but well below the 97 percent for October 1, 1972. Wisconsin farmers reported feeding a daily average of 10.9 pounds of grain and other concentrates per milk cow on October 1, the same rate as a year ago on that date.

The Nation's milk production during September totaled 9,044 million pounds, 4 percent less than a year earlier. Output per cow during September averaged 798 pounds, 10 pounds lower than last year. Pasture conditions in the Nation on October 1 averaged 82 percent of normal, slightly above a year ago. Daily feeding of grain and other concentrates aver-

Milk Production

Selected States	September 1972	September 1973	Jan.-Sept. 1973	Change from last year	
				Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin . . . .	1,493	1,361	14,684	- 9	- 4
Minnesota . . . .	609	609	7,432	n. c.	- 1
Iowa . . . . .	341	333	3,416	- 2	- 2
New York . . . .	770	716	7,422	- 7	- 6
Pennsylvania . .	558	533	5,104	- 4	- 5
California . . . .	882	874	7,970	- 1	+ 1
Other states . . .	4,790	4,618	43,997	- 4	- 2
United States . .	9,443	9,044	90,025	- 4	- 3

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aged 12 pounds per cow as of October 1, also a slight increase from that date in 1972.

### MILK PRICE OVER \$7.00 FOR FIRST TIME

Dairymen in Wisconsin are expected to receive an average of \$7.35 a hundredweight for all milk of average test delivered to plants and dealers during September. This is the first time that milk prices in Wisconsin have exceeded the \$7.00 a hundredweight level. In September 1972 the all milk price was \$5.62 a hundredweight. Milk prices for September increased 63 cents from August compared with a seasonal gain of 17 cents for that period last year.

The August milk price of \$6.72 a hundredweight was 55 cents more than July and \$1.27 above a year ago. Milkfat content for August was 3.60 percent, slightly under the 3.63 percent in August 1972.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$6.85 a hundredweight during August, a gain of 56 cents from July and \$1.26 higher than a year earlier. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$6.55 a hundredweight in August, up 54 cents from the previous month and \$1.28 above a year ago. The price spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 30 cents for August compared with 32 cents last year.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	July 1973		August price per cwt.			Sept. 1973 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1972	1973	73/72 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin .....	3.58	6.17	5.45	6.72	+ 23	7.35
Minnesota .....	3.48	5.79	5.07	6.37	+ 26	7.01
Iowa .....	3.48	5.88	5.24	6.49	+ 24	6.90
New York .....	3.52	6.90	6.68	7.80	+ 17	8.50
California .....	3.40	5.80	5.42	6.30	+ 16	6.65
United States .....	3.52	6.52	5.99	7.17	+ 20	7.63
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk .....	3.57	6.29	5.59	6.85	+ 23	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.60	6.01	5.27	6.55	+ 24	xxx
Creameries .....	3.60	5.99	5.23	6.50	+ 24	xxx
Cheese factories ..	3.60	6.01	5.28	6.56	+ 24	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.59	6.01	5.25	6.50	+ 24	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

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Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	August 1972	July 1973	August 1973 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses .....	5.25	6.03	6.53	+ 24
Market milk .....	5.38	6.17	6.66	+ 24
Manufacturing milk .....	5.07	5.84	6.35	+ 25
Creameries .....	4.97	5.82	6.29	+ 27
American cheese plants .....	5.07	5.84	6.36	+ 25
Varied products plants .....	5.02	5.86	6.32	+ 26
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone ...	5.64	6.32	6.78	+ 7

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary.

### BUTTER PRODUCTION REMAINS WELL BELOW LAST YEAR

Production of butter in Wisconsin and the Nation during August continued substantially below a year ago. Wisconsin creameries churned 30 percent less butter in August than a year earlier while the Nation's output was down 22 percent. Production of butter in Minnesota during August was 10 percent under the previous year. Iowa's butter output was down 44 percent from August 1972 and all other states had a drop of 21 percent.

Cheese production in the Nation during August totaled 218 million pounds, about the same as a year earlier. Decreases in output of American, Swiss, and Brick and Muenster cheese were offset by increases for Italian and all other varieties. Wisconsin and the Nation both produced 4 percent

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	August 1972	August 1973	Jan.- August 1973	Change from last year	
				August	Jan.-Aug
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin . . . . .	14,055	9,800	132,730	- 30	- 9
Minnesota . . . . .	16,920	15,250	160,925	- 10	- 19
Iowa . . . . .	6,452	3,620	48,590	- 44	- 22
Other states . . . . .	37,538	29,761	338,162	- 21	- 15
United States . . . . .	74,965	58,431	680,407	- 22	- 16
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin . . . . .	61,732	59,000	521,550	- 4	n. c.
Minnesota . . . . .	14,018	19,560	159,090	+ 40	+ 22
Missouri . . . . .	9,450	7,000	53,900	- 26	- 20
Other states . . . . .	57,457	52,037	439,533	- 9	- 4
United States . . . . .	142,657	137,597	1,174,073	- 4	n. c.
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss . . . . .	14,891	13,564	121,763	- 9	+ 4
Brick and Muenster . .	5,765	5,084	45,544	- 12	n. c.
Italian . . . . .	41,392	45,829	369,387	+ 11	+ 6
All other . . . . .	14,474	16,202	130,645	+ 12	+ 9
Total . . . . .	76,522	80,679	667,339	+ 5	+ 5
ALL CHEESE					
United States . . . . .	219,179	218,276	1,841,412	n. c.	+ 2
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/ . . . . .	67,964	62,288	541,881	- 8	n. c.
Creamed 2/ . . . . .	87,728	80,220	693,124	- 9	- 1
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin . . . . .	1,929	1,500	11,630	- 22	- 12
Illinois . . . . .	4,209	4,200	31,450	n. c.	+ 10
Iowa . . . . .	798	720	5,360	- 10	n. c.
Michigan . . . . .	3,426	3,070	24,790	- 10	+ 6
Minnesota . . . . .	3,143	2,925	21,240	- 7	+ 4
Other states . . . . .	65,351	65,790	452,277	+ 1	+ 2
United States . . . . .	78,856	78,205	546,747	- 1	+ 2

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.



less American cheese in August than last year. Minnesota increased its production of American cheese 40 percent in August compared with a year ago, but Missouri was down 26 percent and other states declined 9 percent.

Swiss cheese production in the Nation during August was 9 percent below the previous year while output of Brick and Muenster dropped 12 percent. Production of Italian cheese in August was up 11 percent from last year and output of all other varieties increased 12 percent.

The Nation's production of cottage cheese curd during August was down 8 percent from August 1972. Creamed cottage cheese output was 9 percent under August last year. Ice cream production in the Nation for August was 1 percent below the previous year.

## CHEESE AND BUTTER STOCKS REMAIN LOWER

Stocks of butter and cheese in the Nation's cold storage facilities at the end of September continued below a year ago. Butter stocks totaled only 92 million pounds, down 48 percent from last year and the lowest for September 30 since 1966. The Government held about 61 million pounds of butter at the end of September, a decline of 62 percent from a year earlier.

Total cheese in cold storage on September 30 was 7 percent less than the previous year. Although Swiss cheese stocks were up 57 percent, the supplies of American cheese in cold storage was down 10 percent. All other cheese stocks were about the same as on September 30, 1972.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	Sept. 30, 1971	Sept. 30, 1972	Sept. 30, 1973	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
UNITED STATES				
Butter . . . . .	222,041	178,409	92,440	- 48
Cheese, American . . . . .	283,674	335,777	301,002	- 10
Cheese, Swiss . . . . .	10,594	9,322	14,627	+ 57
Cheese, all other . . . . .	63,321	58,911	59,118	n. c.
Cheese, total . . . . .	357,589	404,010	374,747	- 7
WISCONSIN				
Butter . . . . .	10,058	8,457	6,458	- 24
Cheese, American . . . . .	164,808	207,767	185,327	- 11
GOVERNMENT STOCKS*				
Butter . . . . .	195,309	160,363	60,860	- 62
Cheese, American . . . . .	2,943	337	473	+ 40

\*Included in above totals.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products  
United States

Commodity	August 31, 1971	August 31, 1972	August 31, 1973	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
Dried whole milk .....	7,492	5,951	8,208	+ 38
Dried skim milk .....	145,107	87,801	90,739	+ 3
Dried buttermilk .....	3,919	3,788	4,911	+ 30
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/ ..	172,912	140,202	67,142	- 52

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

## BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION DOWN SHARPLY IN SEPTEMBER

Production of butter and American cheese in Wisconsin

and the Nation during September is expected to be considerably under a year ago according to weekly estimates. Output of butter in the Nation for September could be 18 percent under a year earlier. Production of butter from January through August was down 16 percent from that period in 1972. Churnings of butter in Wisconsin during September may be a third less than the previous year. Creameries in the State made 9 percent less butter in the first eight months of this year than the corresponding period last year.

American cheese production in the Nation for September will be about 12 percent below a year ago. Production from January through August showed little change from that period in 1972. Weekly estimates indicate that Wisconsin's American cheese output may be down about 15 percent from September last year. During the first eight months of 1973, production of American cheese in Wisconsin also showed little change from those months in 1972.

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American Cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1973	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1973	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
August .....	58,431	- 22	- 30	137,597	- 4	- 4
Jan.-August ..	680,407	- 16	- 9	1,174,073	n. c.	n. c.
Weeks ending						
Sept. 6 ..	13,300	- 14	- 18	26,900	- 11	- 13
Sept. 13 ..	12,200	- 21	- 42	25,200	- 15	- 19
Sept. 20 ..	12,100	- 19	- 35	24,900	- 13	- 18
Sept. 27 ..	12,800	- 17	- 30	25,600	- 8	- 13
Total .....	50,400	- 18	xxx	102,600	- 12	xxx

## WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES UP SHARPLY IN SEPTEMBER

Wholesale prices of dairy products increased sharply during September. Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged 80¾ cents a pound at Wisconsin primary markets in September, up more than 6 cents from August. This was the seventh consecutive month that wholesale cheddar cheese prices were higher. In the last two months alone the wholesale price of cheddar cheese has risen nearly 12½ cents. A year ago wholesale prices of cheddar cheese averaged just 60 cents a pound.

Prices of wholesale Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged 87¾ cents a pound for September. This was a gain of about 5½ cents from the previous month and 14¼ cents above last year.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	September 1972	August 1973	September 1973 1/
Butter, 93-score, New York, pound . . .	71.00¢	78.02¢ 3/	86.90¢ 3/
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/ . . .	60.00¢	74.69¢	80.75¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/ . . .	73.50¢	82.20¢	87.75¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range . . .	\$8.10-9.10	\$9.33-10.51	\$ — —
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound . . .	31.83¢	47.96¢	50.07¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points. 3/The average is the equivalent price for bulk butter for use in Federal Milk Marketing Orders as determined by the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.



The 93-score butter price at the New York market was calculated at nearly 87 cents a pound in September. This average is the equivalent price for bulk butter for use in Federal Milk Marketing Orders. A month ago the 93-score butter price was 78 cents a pound and in September 1972 was only 71 cents a pound.

### PRICES RECEIVED INDEX LOWER IN SEPTEMBER

The prices received index for Wisconsin farm products declined 11 points (2 percent) from mid-August to mid-September as the major livestock and crop items were down from their record highs a month earlier. At 528 percent of the 1910-14 base, the prices received index was 146 points (38 percent) above mid-September 1972.

Steers and heifers averaged \$46.00 a hundredweight on September 15, a decline of \$4.00 from the previous month but \$13.80 higher than a year ago. Slaughter cows, at \$35.00 a hundredweight for September, were \$3.00 below August but \$9.00 above last year. Calves dropped \$6.00 from August to September but at \$68.00 a hundredweight on September 15 were \$18.50 more than a year earlier.

Hog prices were sharply lower as of mid-September. Hogs averaged \$43.00 a hundredweight, down \$11.30 from the previous month. However, the September hog price was still \$15.20 greater than a year ago.

Lambs also showed a big drop from August to September. At \$32.00 a hundredweight on September 15, lambs were \$11.00 less than a month earlier but \$3.90 above September 1972. Sheep increased 50 cents from August to September, and at \$11.00 a hundredweight were \$4.50 more than the previous year. The mid-September wool price of 50 cents a pound was down 10 cents from August but 21 cents greater than a year earlier.

Egg prices showed only a 1 cent decline from August to September. Eggs averaged 64 cents a dozen in September compared with only 29 cents last year. The mid-September turkey price of 37 cents a pound liveweight remained unchanged from August but was 15 cents above a year ago.

Corn prices fell 25 cents a bushel from August to September but at \$2.12 a bushel were 94 cents higher than the previous year. Oats averaged \$1.05 a bushel as of September

15, the same as a month earlier but 33 cents more than September 1972. Soybeans continued to fluctuate, declining \$3.25 from August to September. At \$5.75 a bushel for mid-September, soybeans were \$2.55 above last year.

### FARM LABOR FORCE AND WAGES HIGHER

The number of workers on Wisconsin farms as the fall season began was above a year ago and wage rates as of October 1 were also higher. There were 189,000 workers on Wisconsin farms during the survey week of September 23-29, up 4,000 from the comparable period in 1972. Although the hired labor force of 28,000 was 1,000 under last year, family workers at 161,000 showed an increase of 5,000.

Wages paid to hired help averaged \$430.00 a month with a house and \$333.00 with board and room. Rates with a house were up \$32.00 from October 1 a year ago while rates with board and room increased \$28.00.

Hired workers employed by the day were receiving an average of \$14.10 with board and room and \$17.40 without board and room. These rates were \$1.40 and \$1.20 respectively above last year. Hourly wages averaged \$2.08 with no board and room, a gain of 12 cents from October 1, 1972.

Farm Workers and Wages  
Wisconsin and United States

Item	Wisconsin		United States	
	1972	1973	1972	1973
September				
Farm Workers 1/				
Hired .....	29,000	28,000	1,425,300	1,432,900
Family .....	156,000	161,000	3,641,300	3,635,600
Total .....	185,000	189,000	5,066,600	5,068,500
October 1				
Wage Rates 2/				
By the month				
With house .....	\$ 398.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 363.00	\$ 395.00
With board and room ...	305.00	333.00	282.00	308.00
By the day				
With board and room ...	12.70	14.10	12.00	13.10
Without board and room .	16.20	17.40	13.90	15.30
By the hour				
No board and room ....	1.96	2.08	1.82	1.97

1/Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month. 2/Average rates paid on crop and livestock reporters' farms or in their localities for arrangements specified above.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Sept. 15, 1971	Sept. 15, 1972	August 15, 1973	Sept. 15, 1973
Dollars					
Milk cows .....	Head	410.00	475.00	590.00	625.00
Steers and heifers ..	Cwt.	28.60	32.20	50.00	46.00
Cows .....	Cwt.	21.00	26.00	38.00	35.00
Calves .....	Cwt.	41.70	49.50	74.00	68.00
Hogs .....	Cwt.	18.20	27.80	54.30	43.00
Sheep .....	Cwt.	5.70	6.50	10.50	11.00
Lambs .....	Cwt.	25.00	28.10	43.00	32.00
Wool .....	Lb.	.21	.29	.60	.50
Chickens 1/ .....	Lb.	.090	.085	.180	.220
Turkeys .....	Lb.	.230	.220	.370	.370
Eggs .....	Doz.	.280	.290	.650	.640
Corn .....	Bu.	1.18	1.18	2.37	2.12
Oats .....	Bu.	.65	.72	1.05	1.05
Soybeans .....	Bu.	2.87	3.20	9.00	5.75
Alfalfa hay, baled ..	Ton	20.00	26.00	28.50	27.50

1/Excludes broilers.

### CASH RECEIPTS REACH RECORD HIGH BUT EXPENSES ALSO KEEP CLIMBING

Cash receipts from farm marketings in Wisconsin exceeded \$1.8 billion in 1972, another record high. Cash receipts increased 11 percent from a year earlier but farm production expenses rose 10 percent. Government payments to Wisconsin farmers during 1972 increased \$20 million but total net farm income declined 3 percent due to a considerable decrease in the net change in farm inventories which measures the change in physical quantities of livestock and crops on farms. The net income per farm in Wisconsin of \$5,279 for 1972 was 2 percent lower than in 1971.

Livestock and livestock products accounted for over 86 percent of all cash receipts, while crops provided the remaining 14 percent. The leading cash commodity was milk



which contributed 57 cents out of every dollar received by Wisconsin farmers in 1972. Sales of cattle and calves added nearly 16 cents to the cash receipts dollar, hogs brought in about 9 cents, and poultry and eggs supplied over 3 cents.

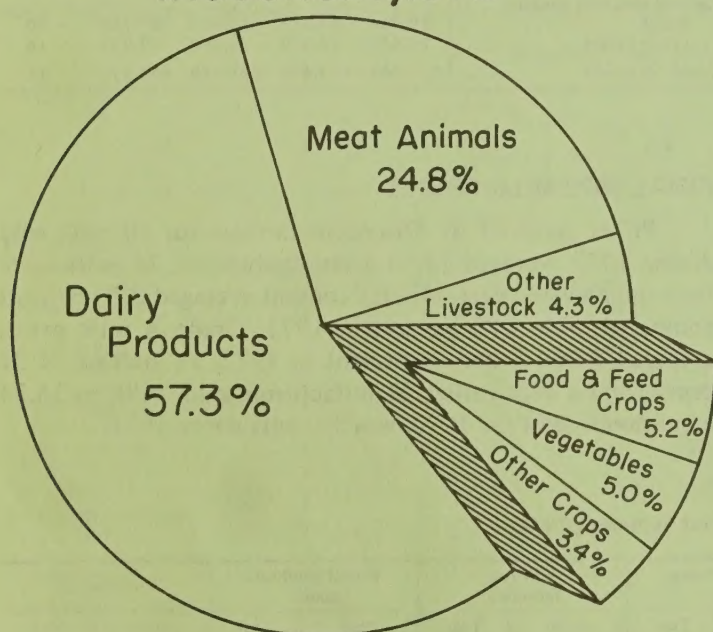
Record high income figures were established for milk, cattle and calves, hogs, and hay. In the last 10 years, total cash receipts from Wisconsin farm marketings have increased 64 percent.

Wisconsin Realized Gross Income and Net Income from Farming, 1953-72 1/

Year	Realized gross farm income					Farm production expenses	Realized net farm income 2/	Net change in farm inventories	Total net farm income 2/
	Cash receipts from farm marketings	Government payments	Value of home consumption	Gross rental value of farm dwellings	Total				
	Million Dollars								
1953 .....	1,052.9	6.2	54.7	67.8	1,181.5	742.2	439.3	— 4.3	435.0
1954 .....	994.7	5.6	48.6	65.9	1,114.7	742.0	372.7	20.4	393.1
1955 .....	980.2	3.5	46.3	65.1	1,095.0	759.6	335.5	— 10.1	325.4
1956 .....	1,019.1	8.0	45.8	69.7	1,142.6	780.2	362.4	25.6	388.1
1957 .....	1,069.4	14.7	44.5	76.1	1,204.6	813.1	391.5	5.3	396.8
1958 .....	1,125.2	19.7	46.4	75.9	1,267.2	829.4	437.8	— 23.0	414.8
1959 .....	1,084.7	14.8	48.9	81.0	1,229.4	852.3	377.1	61.5	438.6
1960 .....	1,102.5	16.9	46.6	81.2	1,247.2	852.8	394.4	— 17.2	377.2
1961 .....	1,125.2	40.0	46.0	81.1	1,292.3	864.7	427.7	14.2	441.8
1962 .....	1,124.0	42.5	41.8	84.6	1,292.9	887.3	405.7	15.0	420.7
1963 .....	1,126.5	45.9	40.5	80.7	1,293.6	906.6	387.0	— 40.8	346.1
1964 .....	1,179.2	47.8	38.4	76.8	1,342.1	905.9	436.2	— 28.2	408.0
1965 .....	1,261.0	51.6	34.1	71.7	1,418.4	917.2	501.2	— 3.9	497.3
1966 .....	1,412.4	53.7	36.2	72.4	1,574.7	984.7	590.0	13.8	603.8
1967 .....	1,394.9	41.2	36.2	78.5	1,550.9	1,049.1	501.8	.9	502.6
1968 .....	1,458.3	51.7	36.8	80.6	1,627.4	1,093.8	533.6	27.0	560.6
1969 .....	1,536.0	56.3	40.2	90.6	1,723.2	1,168.9	554.3	— 17.9	536.4
1970 .....	1,601.0	51.7	41.5	93.9	1,788.1	1,242.3	545.7	152.7	698.5
1971 .....	1,662.6	36.9	40.9	105.1	1,845.5	1,342.0	503.5	81.2	584.7
1972 .....	1,849.8	57.1	44.3	143.1	2,094.3	1,476.7	617.5	— 52.7	564.9

1/Details may not add to totals because of rounding. 2/Off farm operators.

## PERCENT OF CASH RECEIPTS WISCONSIN, 1972



## MORE CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle feeders in Wisconsin had 113,000 cattle and calves on feed October 1 for the slaughter market, an increase of 7 percent from a year earlier. Placements on feed in the July-September quarter totaled 39,000, down 5 percent from that period last year. Marketings in the past quarter were only 41,000, a fourth less than in July-September 1972.

Wisconsin cattle feeders plan to market 56,000 finished cattle during the last quarter of 1973. This would be 4 percent more than were marketed during October through December a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed, October 1 for slaughter market in the 23 major feeding States totaled 12,082,000, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Placements on feed in the July-September quarter were 15 percent below the comparable period in 1972. Marketings of fed cattle during the past

Cattle and Calves on Feed by Quarters,  
October 1, 1972, July 1 and October 1, 1973 1/

State	October 1, 1972	July 1, 1973	October 1, 1973	Change from last year
1,000 head				Percent
Pennsylvania ..	49	58	53	+ 8
Ohio .....	174	208	162	— 7
Indiana .....	211	215	196	— 7
Illinois .....	400	450	370	— 7
Michigan .....	160	185	160	n. c.
Wisconsin .....	106	115	113	+ 7
Minnesota .....	404	427	400	— 1
Iowa .....	1,408	1,750	1,464	+ 4
Missouri .....	210	210	175	— 17
N. Dakota .....	32	46	28	— 12
S. Dakota .....	285	300	305	+ 7
Nebraska .....	1,403	1,471	1,438	+ 2
Kansas .....	1,150	1,230	1,190	+ 3
N. C. States ..	5,992	6,665	6,054	+ 1
Oklahoma .....	272	289	312	+ 15
Texas .....	2,091	2,335	2,323	+ 11
Montana .....	105	122	83	— 21
Idaho .....	177	182	160	— 10
Colorado .....	978	950	925	— 5
N. Mexico .....	195	245	230	+ 18
Arizona .....	544	576	565	+ 4
Washington .....	162	160	140	— 14
Oregon .....	52	50	60	+ 15
California .....	1,206	1,179	1,230	+ 2
Western States	5,782	6,088	6,028	+ 4
23 States ..	11,774	12,753	12,082	+ 3



quarter were 14 percent under that quarter last year, while expected marketings during October through December may be 1 percent less than a year ago.

The North Central States had 1 percent more cattle and calves on feed October 1 than a year earlier with Iowa showing a gain of 4 percent. Cattle on feed October 1 in the Western States were up 4 percent from the previous year as Texas had an increase of 11 percent.

### RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Production of red meat in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during August was 8 percent more than a year earlier. Output of beef increased 12 percent and the pork supply was up 3 percent. Total red meat production in Wisconsin for August was 103 million pounds, a gain of 12 percent from July.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	August		Change from last year	August	
	1972	1973		1972	1973
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin . . . . .	96.0	106.0	+ 10	105.0	117.4
United States 1/ . .	3,214.8	2,691.8	- 16	3,298.8	2,767.4
Calves					
Wisconsin . . . . .	14.1	12.9	- 9	2.7	2.5
United States 1/ . .	259.8	158.7	- 39	67.7	44.5
Hogs					
Wisconsin . . . . .	260.0	261.0	n. c.	61.1	63.2
United States 1/ . .	6,946.8	5,888.4	- 15	1,634.4	1,412.6
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin . . . . .	.5	.7	+ 40	.047	.067
United States 1/ . .	871.7	888.5	+ 2	87.8	91.6

1/Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

Cattle slaughter in July amounted to 106,000, an increase of 10,000 from last year. The average liveweight of cattle was 1,108 pounds in August, 14 pounds heavier than the previous year.

The August hog kill of 261,000 was 1,000 more than a year ago. Hogs averaged 242 pounds liveweight for August, up 7 pounds from August 1972.

Calf slaughter during August totaled only 12,900, down 1,200 from last year. Average liveweight of calves at 195 pounds was 2 pounds above August 1972. Sheep and lamb kill for August numbered 700 compared with 500 a year earlier.

Wisconsin Milk Price and Test Summary, 1972

Month	All uses		Market milk		Manufacturing milk		Cheese factories		Varied products plants		Creameries	
	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %
January .....	5.50	3.78	5.66	3.80	5.27	3.76	5.28	3.76	5.24	3.77	5.23	3.73
February .....	5.50	3.74	5.66	3.75	5.28	3.72	5.29	3.72	5.24	3.74	5.23	3.69
March .....	5.50	3.72	5.66	3.73	5.29	3.71	5.30	3.71	5.25	3.71	5.23	3.66
April .....	5.43	3.70	5.58	3.72	5.21	3.68	5.22	3.68	5.16	3.69	5.18	3.66
May .....	5.37	3.67	5.53	3.68	5.16	3.66	5.17	3.66	5.12	3.67	5.12	3.63
June .....	5.31	3.62	5.44	3.61	5.13	3.63	5.14	3.63	5.10	3.63	5.11	3.59
July .....	5.35	3.59	5.47	3.58	5.19	3.60	5.19	3.60	5.18	3.60	5.17	3.57
August .....	5.45	3.63	5.59	3.63	5.27	3.64	5.28	3.64	5.25	3.64	5.23	3.61
September .....	5.62	3.72	5.79	3.72	5.39	3.72	5.40	3.72	5.35	3.73	5.35	3.71
October .....	5.80	3.84	5.95	3.84	5.60	3.85	5.61	3.85	5.54	3.85	5.59	3.85
November .....	5.92	3.86	6.05	3.85	5.74	3.87	5.75	3.87	5.67	3.87	5.74	3.86
December .....	5.99	3.83	6.10	3.83	5.82	3.84	5.83	3.84	5.73	3.84	5.78	3.83
Annual .....	5.54	3.73	5.69	3.73	5.34	3.71	5.34	3.71	5.31	3.73	5.30	3.69

### MEAT STOCKS DOWN 12 PERCENT

The Nation's cold storage stocks of meat at the end of September were 12 percent under the previous year. Beef stocks amounted to almost 247 million pounds, down 17 percent from a year ago. Cold storage stocks of beef declined 9 million pounds from a month earlier and were 51 million pounds below September 30, 1973.

The supply of pork in cold storage at the end of September was slightly higher than a year ago for the first time since November 1971. The 193 million pounds of pork in cold storage on September 30 were 13 million pounds more than the previous month and about 800,000 pounds above last year.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat  
United States

Commodity	Sept. 30, 1971	Sept. 30, 1972	Aug. 31, 1973	Sept. 30, 1973	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen .....	342,445	288,173	246,878	238,196	- 17
In cure and cured .....	8,694	9,485	8,910	8,691	- 8
Total .....	351,139	297,658	255,788	246,887	- 17
Pork:					
Frozen .....	285,404	174,681	165,489	177,833	+ 2
In cooler .....	21,509	17,439	14,136	15,079	- 14
Total .....	306,913	192,120	179,625	192,912	n. c.
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen .....	8,337	10,842	7,897	7,913	- 27
Lamb and mutton, frozen ..	20,719	19,171	12,790	12,621	- 34
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams .....	69,754	59,518	40,099	47,764	- 20
Other meats .....	18,443	14,670	12,090	12,023	- 18
Total, all meats .....	775,305	593,979	508,289	520,120	- 12

### FINAL 1972 MILK PRICES

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all milk sold during 1972 averaged \$5.54 a hundredweight, 24 cents more than the previous year. Milkfat content averaged 3.73 percent compared with 3.70 percent in 1971. Grade A milk prices averaged \$5.69 a hundredweight in 1972, an increase of 21 cents from a year earlier. Manufacturing grade milk, at \$5.34 a hundredweight for 1972, was 30 cents above 1971.



## OCTOBER CROP REPORT

The weather in the first ten days of October was too damp for drying down the corn and soybean crops but an extended period of beautiful Indian Summer weather from October 11-23 allowed rapid progress on the fall harvest. Little rain of consequence fell during this period and field conditions were very good for combining corn and soybeans. Moisture content of corn varied from the low 20's for the early maturing varieties to the upper 30's for the later corn. Soybean moisture content was as low as 10 or 11 percent. Yields varied considerably on the corn and soybean crops because of the widespread planting dates and the unusual moisture distributions this year. The southeastern area of Wisconsin was too dry during the summer for good development of corn and soybeans so yields will be lower there. The estimated production of corn for grain in Wisconsin for 1973 as of October 1 was 176 million bushels, down 13 percent from 1972. Yield per acre of corn for grain is expected to average 86 bushels, a decline of 9 bushels from last year.

Harvesting of potatoes was nearly completed as of late October in sharp contrast to a year ago when muddy fields and a hard freeze in October resulted in production losses. Production of potatoes for 1973 is estimated at 2 percent under 1972 as the yield per acre is down. The cranberry harvest was going very well with some bogs done in October. Production of cranberries in 1973 was expected to total 790,000 barrels compared with 805,000 barrels last year.

Picking of apples was proceeding smoothly in October but the crop may be down a fourth from last year because of poor pollination and set. Harvesting of vegetable crops was

nearing completion at the end of October with variable yields. Sunshine, drying winds, and low humidities were very helpful for curing the tobacco crop hanging in the sheds after some concern because of damp weather in early October.

Fall plowing has been going extremely well this year in contrast to a year ago when much plowing had to be delayed until spring. Soil moisture was generally adequate for fall plowing except a little dry in central and north central areas. New seedings, pastures, and hay fields benefited from September rains and were in fine shape as October drew to a close.

BEEF CATTLE PRICES  
DROP SUBSTANTIALLY

Beef cattle prices at the St. Paul and Kansas City markets showed a sharp decline during September. Good grade fed steers weighing between 900-1100 pounds averaged \$43.17 a hundredweight at St. Paul during September, down \$6.68 from August. Steer prices at St. Paul declined \$8.60 during September but for the month were still \$10.37 above last year.

Utility cows averaged \$35.84 a hundredweight at St. Paul during September, a drop of \$3.30 from the previous month but \$8.15 higher than September 1972.

Good grade feeder steers weighing between 600-700 pounds averaged \$51.69 a hundredweight at Kansas City during September, a decline of \$5.87 from August. Feeder steers at Kansas City dropped \$8.70 during September but were \$11.30 above the September 1972 average.

Crop Summary of Wisconsin for October 1, 1973

Crop	Acreage			Yield per acre			Unit	Production		
	1971	1972	1973 (preliminary)	1971	1972	1973 (preliminary)		1971	1972	1973 (preliminary)
	Thousands							Thousands		
FIELD CROPS										
Corn for grain . . . . .	2,304	2,143	2,050	98.0	95.0	86.0	Bu.	225,792	203,585	176,300
Oats . . . . .	1,535	1,350	1,400	62.0	55.0	44.0	Bu.	95,170	74,250	61,600
Barley . . . . .	28	22	24	55.0	45.0	45.0	Bu.	1,540	990	1,080
Rye . . . . .	12	10	9	24.0	20.0	22.0	Bu.	288	200	198
Wheat (all) . . . . .	35	29	30	37.5	31.1	35.0	Bu.	1,314	901	1,050
Winter . . . . .	22	20	18	42.0	32.0	39.0	Bu.	924	640	702
Spring . . . . .	13	9	12	30.0	29.0	29.0	Bu.	390	261	348
Soybeans for beans . . . . .	128	145	236	23.5	28.0	23.0	Bu.	3,008	4,060	5,428
Potatoes (Fall) . . . . .	51.5	45.5	47.0	256	253	240	Cwt.	13,183	11,530	11,280
Tobacco (all) . . . . .	10.6	10.8	9.5	2,125	1,727	2,000	Lb.	22,525	18,650	19,000
Type 54 . . . . .	5.3	5.0	4.5	2,270	1,700	2,000	Lb.	12,031	8,500	9,000
Type 55 . . . . .	5.3	5.8	5.0	1,980	1,750	2,000	Lb.	10,494	10,150	10,000
HAY AND FORAGE										
Hay (all) . . . . .	3,987	3,920	4,070	2.78	2.60	2.56	Ton	11,083	10,203	10,401
Alfalfa and mixture . . . . .	3,017	2,950	3,090	2.95	2.85	2.70	Ton	8,900	8,408	8,343
All other . . . . .	970	970	980	2.25	1.85	2.10	Ton	2,183	1,795	2,058
VEGETABLE CROPS										
Carrots 1/ . . . . .	1.2	.6	2.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cabbage 1/ . . . . .	2.6	1.5	3.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lettuce . . . . .	1.6	.9	.8	220	210	—	Cwt.	352	189	—
Mint for oil . . . . .	10.3	4.5	6.4	43	30	38	Cwt.	443	135	243
Onions, Commercial . . . . .	1.6	1.5	1.4	235	250	280	Cwt.	376	375	392
For processing:										
Green lima beans . . . . .	5.3	6.4	7.3	1.25	.82	1.00	Ton 2/	6.7	5.3	7.3
Peas . . . . .	125.1	122.2	130.1	1.17	1.34	1.10	Ton 2/	146.4	163.8	143.1
Snap beans . . . . .	50.1	45.5	60.0	2.59	2.67	2.40	Ton	129.8	121.5	144.0
Sweet corn . . . . .	117.9	113.5	124.0	4.57	4.54	3.80	Ton	538.8	515.3	471.2
Beets for canning . . . . .	5.8	4.5	6.2	11.66	14.00	10.50	Ton	67.7	63.0	65.1
FRUITS, ETC.										
Apples, Commercial . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Lb.	65,000	65,000	50,000
Tart cherries . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ton	8.4	4.6	2.6
Cranberries . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bbl.	742	805	790
Strawberries . . . . .	1.5	1.4	1.4	29	23	27	Cwt.	44	32	38

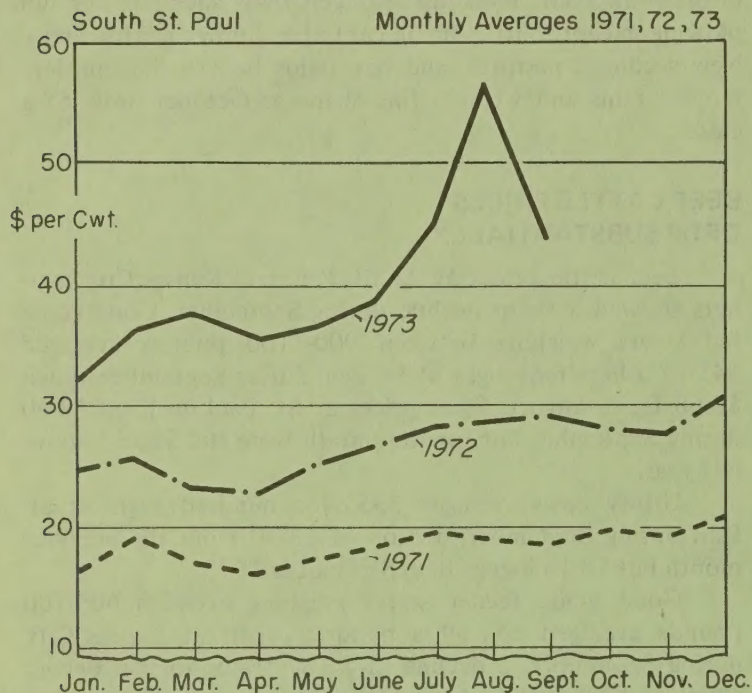
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### PRICES OF BARROWS AND GILTS DECLINE CONSIDERABLY IN SEPTEMBER

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market declined sharply during the first week of September and for

#### BARROW and GILT PRICES



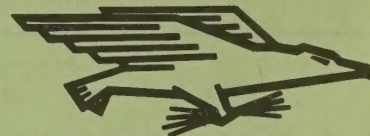
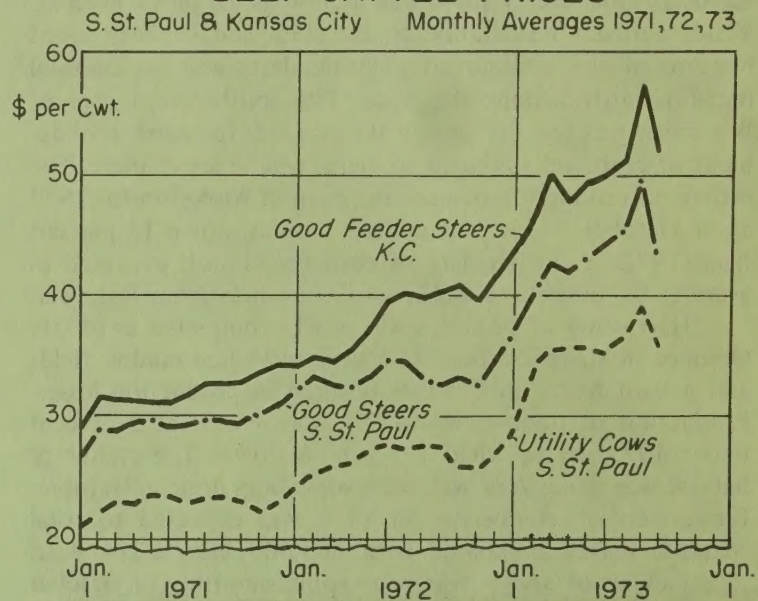
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the month averaged \$12.68 less than August. Barrows and gilts reached a peak of nearly \$59.00 a hundredweight for the week ending August 11 but by the end of September were down to \$42.00. The September average of \$43.92 a hundredweight for barrows and gilts at St. Paul was \$14.93 higher than September 1972.

#### BEEF CATTLE PRICES



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